

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A hearing ~~protection~~ device comprising:
a microphone coupled to a first speaker;
~~tubing coupled between the speaker and at least one ear of a user;~~
~~said microphone and speaker and said tubing carried by a hat.~~
a first tube having a first end and a second end;
wherein said first tube first end is aurally coupled to said first speaker and said first tube
second end is coupled to a first ear piece and further wherein said microphone, said speaker, and
said first tube are carried by a hat having a top, a bottom, a front, a left side, a right side and a back,
said microphone is adapted to receive sound which approaches the hat from the top, the bottom,
the front, the left side, or the right side.
2. (Cancelled).
3. (Currently amended) A hearing ~~protection~~ device according to claim 1, said device further comprising a mono hearing unit, said mono hearing unit providing identical signals to a right ear and a left ear.
4. (Currently amended) A hearing ~~protection~~ device according to claim 1, said device further comprising a stereo hearing unit, said stereo hearing unit providing different signals to a right ear and a left ear.
5. (Currently amended) A hearing ~~protection~~ device according to claim 1, wherein said hat has a brim and said microphone and said first speaker are disposed on said brim. ~~tubing is coupled between said speaker and said at least one ear of a user above a hat brim.~~
6. (Currently Amended) A hearing ~~protection~~ device according to claim 1, wherein said tubing is coupled between said speaker and said at least one ear of a user, said tubing disposed below a hat brim.
7. (Currently Amended) A hearing ~~protection~~ device according to claim [[1]] 5, wherein said microphone and speaker are carried by said hat underneath [[a]] said brim of said hat.
8. (Currently Amended) ~~A microphone coupled to a speaker;~~ A hearing device comprising:
a first microphone electrically coupled to a first speaker,
~~wiring coupled between the speaker and the microphone;~~

wherein said first microphone and said first speaker and said wiring are carried by a hat having a top, a bottom, a front, a left side, a right side and a back, said first microphone is adapted to receive sound which approaches the hat from the top, the bottom, the front, the left side, or the right side and wherein said first speaker is positioned proximal to an ear of a wearer of said hat when said hat is worn;

~~said speaker suppressing loud sounds such as shotgun discharges.~~

9. (New) A hearing device according to claim 8 further comprising:

a second speaker,

wherein said second speaker is electrically coupled to said first microphone and said second speaker is positioned proximal to a second ear of a wearer of said hat when said hat is worn.

10. (New) A hearing device according to claim 8 further comprising:

a second microphone; and

a second speaker,

wherein said second speaker is electrically coupled to said second microphone and further wherein said second microphone and said second speaker are carried by the hat and said second speaker is positioned proximal to a second ear of a wearer of said hat when said hat is worn.

11. (New) A hearing device comprising:

a microphone carrying module positioned in a forwardly disposed position on a hat carrying said microphone carrying module;

a microphone carried by said microphone carrying module;

a speaker coupled to said microphone, said speaker carried by said microphone carrying module;

a first length of tubing aurally coupled to said speaker;

a tee-fitting coupled to said first length of tubing;

a second and a third length of tubing coupled to said tee-fitting;

a first and a second earphone coupled to said second and said third lengths of tubing, respectively;

said first and said second earphones carried by said hat and positioned proximal to two ears of a wearer of said hat when said hat is worn;

said speaker amplifying soft sounds such as voices, and suppressing loud sounds such as shotgun discharges.

12. (New) A hearing device according to claim 8 wherein said microphone is positioned in a forwardly disposed position on the hat carrying said microphone.

13. (New) A hearing device according to claim 1, further including:
a second tube having a first end and a second end,
wherein said second tube first end is coupled to said first tube and said second tube second end is coupled to a second ear piece and further wherein said second tube is carried by the hat.

14. (New) A hearing device according to claim 1, further including:
a second speaker coupled to a second microphone; and,
a second tube having a first end and a second end,
wherein said second tube first end is aurally coupled to said second speaker and said second tube second end is coupled to a second ear piece and further wherein said second speaker and second tube is carried by the hat.